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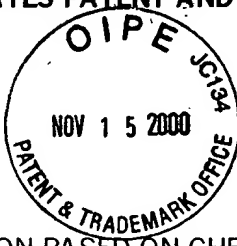
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This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

- ☒ under 37 CFR 1.97(b), or  
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- ☐ under 37 CFR 1.97 (c) together with either a:  
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